Challenges With Implementing A CSO Program

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Identified Weaknesses in the Y-12 Plant Criticality Safety Program

- Operators and Supervisors Were Not Consistently Involved in the Criticality Safety Program and Lacked Ownership and Understanding of the Controls
- Continuous Improvement and Feedback Processes Were Not Effective
- Some Criticality Safety Requirements Were Complicated and Confusing
- No Single Operations Point-of-Contact for Criticality Safety Issues

Challenges With Establishing CSO Position

- Senior Management Buy-In That Position Is Important
 - Clear Understanding of Weaknesses in Existing Program
 - DOE Support for Position
- Line Management Support for Increased Operator Involvement in Developing/Understanding Requirements and Controls
 - Validation of Requirements
 - Review of Evaluations
 - Performance of Annual Surveillances
 - Participation in Small Group Seminars

Challenges With Establishing CSO Position

- Support for Increased Overhead Budget Requirements
 - CSO Personnel
 - Small Group Seminars (Development/Participation)
 - Improvement Team Meetings
 - Development/Validation of Requirements
- Acceptance by Engineers that Increased Operator Involvement is Necessary
 - Additional Paperwork and Time Delays
 - Viewed as More Difficult to Make Changes
- Finding Qualified Candidates for CSO Positions

Accomplishments During CY 2000

- Improvement Teams Established
- Team Established to Simplify General Handling Requirements
- Operator Involvement in Development and Validation of Requirements Increased
- Increased Floor Ownership in Criticality Safety Program
- Single Point-of-Contact Improving Efficiency
- Weekly Small Group Seminars Established

Challenges Remaining to Tackle

- Finalize Training and Qualifications for CSO Position
- Staffing of Additional CSOs
- Continue to Improve Interaction with Operators/Supervisors
- Continue to Simplify Requirements and Make More Consistent